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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment<sup>1</sup> against Melvin Allen for conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

According to the indictment, between January and March 2009, the defendant was provided stolen account information for, and fraudulent driver's licenses in the names of, customers of Wachovia Bank, Citizens Bank and TD Bank, which he then used to withdraw money from the customers' bank accounts.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Melvin Allen	Philadelphia, PA	43

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 39 years imprisonment, and a \$1,750,000 fine.

The case was jointly investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service, with assistance from the Lansdale, Whitmarsh and Mount Laurel Police Departments. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

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<sup>1</sup> An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.